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BRIEFS

Dean's List

Millikin University announced the names of the outstanding undergraduates who have been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2023 semester. Area residents on the list are: Anna Quick of Ivesdale, High Dean's; Mitch Pollock of Newman, Dean's List.

Rural health conference

The Illinois Rural Health Association (IRHA) will host its 34th Annual Educational Conference Aug. 9-10 at the I-Hotel in Champaign. The Conference is an opportunity for rural healthcare administrators and clinicians to advance their professional skills, while networking and learning best practices from their counterparts throughout the state. Online registration and full conference brochure can be found at www.ilruralhealth.org.

Senior outing

Family Service Senior Resource Center-Tuscola Tours invites Douglas County residents age 60 and up or those with a disability for a fun outing to Effingham Tuesday, July 18. They will visit the Historical County Museum followed by a lunch stop at Pinky's on Lake Sara. Free van transportation is provided. You will be responsible for the cost of your lunch. Seating is limited. Call Connie now to reserve your spot at 217-898-3321 or 217-599-1324.

Hochstettler reunion

One of the largest family reunions in the United States is coming to Arthur July 28-29. Anywhere from 300 to 500 descendants of Jacob Hochstettler are expected to descend on the city; the reunion, held every five years, changes locations each time. For more information, call 217-721-9266 or 217-520-8891. The family also maintains a website at <https://www.jhfa.net/> with lots of history.

Forecast

Wednesday: Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly after 1pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 83. South southwest wind 10 to 17 mph, with gusts as high as 26 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Wednesday Night: Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly before 1am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. South southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west northwest after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 23 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 84.

Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers after 1am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Friday: A 40 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 83.

Friday Night: A chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Saturday: A chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 83.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 82.

Sen. Rose urges full fireworks legalization

As Independence Day celebrations are wrapping up, Illinois remains an outlier in terms of what residents are allowed to purchase and use for fireworks displays. State Senator Chapin Rose (R-Mahomet) is urging the Illinois legislature to expand what fireworks are allowed to be sold in-state.

"All of our surrounding states are making a mint off of Illinois residents buying fireworks," said Rose. "When are the Democrats that run this state going to get with the program and stop forcing Illinoisians' to leave Illinois to celebrate our nation's birth?"

"It is absolutely ridiculous that Illinoisians are once again putting other states' people to work, paying taxes in other states, and growing the economies of other states, all because the 'nanny-state' crowd just can't figure out what the 4th of July is all about in the first place: Liberty!" Rose concluded.



SMITH, HOPKINS, AND CUMMINGS CROWNED 2023 MOULTRIE-DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR QUEENS. The 2023 Little Miss, Junior Miss, and Miss Moultrie-Douglas pageants were held on Wednesday, July 5, as 39 contestants vied for their respective titles. Pictured are (front row) 2022 Little Miss Moultrie-Douglas Whitley Fryman, newly crowned 2023 Miss Moultrie-Douglas Reggan Smith (Tuscola), 2023 Little Miss Moultrie-Douglas Lydia Cummings (Sullivan), and 2023 Junior Miss Moultrie-Douglas Adyson Hopkins (Arthur). (Back row) 2022 Junior Miss Moultrie-Douglas Kimberly Krutsinger, Morgan Smith (Camargo), 3rd Runner-Up; Logan Streible (Atwood), 2nd Runner-Up; 2022 Miss Moultrie-Douglas Julia Kerkhoff, 2023 Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Paige Van Dyke; Claire Meyer (Arcola), 1st Runner-Up; and Regann Bowles (Tuscola), Miss Congeniality. Smith is the daughter of Jamie and Chris Hoogendyk and David and Allison Smith and was sponsored by the Miss Tuscola Pageant. She also held the titles of 2020 Junior Miss Moultrie-Douglas and 2010 Little Miss Moultrie-Douglas. Hopkins is the daughter of Kimberly Cusick and Michael Hopkins and was sponsored by the Arthur Fire Department. Cummings is the daughter of Krystal and Matt Cummings and her sponsor was Unique Style. The pageant was moved inside the ALAH gym due to heavy rain and high winds forecasted.



CUMMINGS CROWNED 2023 LITTLE MISS MOULTRIE-DOUGLAS. Eighteen adorable little girls competed on Wednesday evening all hoping to be crowned the 2023 Little Miss Moultrie-Douglas County Fair Queen. Pictured are (front row, left to right) Logan McCumber (Villa Grove), 2nd Runner-Up; just crowned 2023 Little Miss Moultrie-Douglas Lydia Cummings (Sullivan); 2022 Little Miss Moultrie-Douglas Whitley Fryman; and Harper Hale (Arthur), 1st Runner-Up. (Back row) 2022 Miss Moultrie-Douglas Julia Kerkhoff and 2022 Junior Miss Moultrie-Douglas Kimberly Krutsinger.